

POSITIVE POINTS

Sept 19, 2018

High School

1. Increasing student recognition is a LINKS goal at NHS. As a first step in reaching that goal, all students achieving 85 or higher on June Regents have been recognized for their efforts.
2. We facilitated our Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 29. This event was an evening event with well over 200 people in attendance.
3. Thank you to Brenna McCormack, Bethany Stratton, Kelly Collins-Colosi and Laura Giorgio for organizing our Freshman Mentoring Program. Over 50 upper classman were trained in August. The students developed a curriculum that they will present during Freshman Study Halls. Mentors attended Freshman Orientation to assist the newest students to NHS. This is a new program at NHS and is off to a great start. Thank you to for serving as mentors.
4. The opening to our school year was very positive. Class meetings were conducted on Friday, September 7 to review the Student Code of Conduct and outline student expectations. We also held a very successful purple pride picnic on the first Friday, sponsored by student government. The afternoon concluded with a performance by poet Shannon Matesly. Thank you to Rich Bernstein for bringing Shannon to NHS!
5. Currently we have 9 students taking Morrisville courses at Morrisville, 130 students taking Morrisville courses at NHS and 88 students taking TC 3 courses at NHS.
6. We have 39 students in the marching band. We are currently working on our show "Cinema: A Night at the Movies" featuring music from Mission Impossible, Skyfall, How to Train Your Dragon, and Back to the Future. We had a very successful performance at our annual Band-a-thon and will be competing at our first of 8 competitions Saturday, September 15. Saturday, October 20th will be our 45th annual Fall Festival and will feature alumni of the Norwich Purple Tornado Field Band playing the Star Spangled Banner under the direction of Don Burke.
7. Our fall athletic program is off to a positive start we have approximately 150 student athletes.
8. Both the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams have come away with recent tournament wins.
9. LPP offers academic enrichment, tutoring, college and career exploration, life skills strategies, counseling, community service opportunities, social and cultural experiences, as well as activities for parents. Over the summer, our team ran a 5-week summer program that brought all 4 of our schools together. Topics ranged from health and wellness, social skills, to STEAM. Middle School after school program will be having a large emphasis on community impact, life skills, and team building. High School has taken on leadership rolls by completing duties in the classroom, showing excitement for Peer Leading the Middle School program, and lending a hand when needed
10. Kayla Farrell, grade 12, was recently accepted as a member of the NYSSMA Conference All State Mixed Choir. She will be attending the event in December in Rochester, NY. This is the highest honor a chorus student can achieve. Also, 19 Norwich music students have been accepted to the regional Area All State Music Festival:
 - Wind Ensemble-Emma Larson, flute
 - Orchestra-Nicholas Deady, Maya Kossman and
 - Maria Pomades, violins
 - Krysta Lestico, Andrew Thompson, and
 - Lauren Davis, 2nd violins
 - Women's Choir-Delaney Root, Arianna Drake, Kayla Farrell
 - Mixed Choir-Antonia Mody, Kody Harrison, Dan Thompson,
 - Aria Moholchic, Morgan Burdick, Elainna Hennings,
 - Britney Blackledge, Robert Brown, Samuel Solomon
11. Over 20 High School digital photography students submitted work to the Chenango County Traffic Safety board competition this past spring on Pedestrian Safety. Cassandra Schultz was the winner for grades 9-12. This week the Traffic Safety Board delivered their new calendar featuring Cassie's work and the work of our other students. The calendar is a great public service announcement about pedestrian safety and our student's work shines. Photos can save lives.

12. This Friday is Homecoming. Come dressed in pink in honor of Breast Cancer awareness and cheer on our varsity football team as they go for a win against Johnson City. Congratulations to those on homecoming court: Hannah Baker, Layla Burton, Hailey Collabelli, Hannah Klockowski, Virginia Maiuriano, Gabe Gawronski, Zach Mills, Thomas Parella, Dan Pertelli and Corry Woodard

Middle School

1. Sept 5th, 2018 marked a district wide Community Meet and Greet. Despite the intense heat, the event was very well attended.
2. All MS based construction was complete by opening day and security upgrades are soon to be completed.
3. Almost 300 Chromebooks, headphones and crossbody carry bags were delivered to all seventh and 8th grade students on Day 3 of the 2018-19 school year. Hats off to the IT Department for their efforts to prepare for this initiative.
4. NMS has partnered with Lourdes in the Youth Services Department, specializing in Substance Abuse Prevention Services. As of this year, Lourdes has been granted funding from Senator Akshar to expand prevention services to include selected schools in Chenango County. The 13-session program we are offering is called All Stars; it focuses on 6th grade students and has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as a model evidence-based program.

Perry Browne

1. The first full week of school was a success!
2. Teachers are in the process of finishing the task of benchmarking all students at Perry Browne. The results will help us better meet the need of all kids.
3. 5th grade students are settling right in to using technology with our 1:1 initiative.
4. Thanks to a donation from Preferred Mutual, all 5th students received their own earbuds for use with their Chrome Books.
5. 4th grade Teacher, Marlene Martin-Browne was awarded Firefighter of the year by the Chenango County Fire Department! Congratulations!
6. Open House is on September 27, 5:30-7.
7. Leadership Class is successful and allows our counselors to see all students!

Gibson

1. Meet and Greet was well attended and families seemed to enjoy themselves.
2. Our new "at no cost" breakfast and lunch program has been exceptionally well received, with an increase in the number of students participating in both.
3. Our LINKS team worked this summer to create our plan for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Each grade level team gathered this summer to work on Math, Science, Social Studies, and technology.
5. Our Music Teacher, Shannon Richards, was honored by the Theatre Association of New York State with an Excellence in Musical Production award for her work with the Norwich Theater Company's "The Drowsy Chaperone"
6. Our custodial staff did an amazing job preparing our building for Opening Day.
7. Students are adjusting well to the established rules and routines, and quickly acclimated to their classes. They continue to be Bucket Fillers.